

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1           1.       (currently amended) A web cam system, comprising:  
2           a digital camera for capturing an image of a ~~scene~~user,  
3           wherein said digital camera is configured to generate image data,  
4           wherein said digital camera is configured to be connected with a computer, and  
5           wherein said digital camera is configured to provide said image data to said  
6 computer;  
7           a computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions  
8 embodied therein for causing the interfacing of said digital camera with said computer, said  
9 computer executable instructions comprising:  
10                an image capturing computer readable program code portion configured to  
11 cause said computer to effect the capturing of said image, wherein said image comprises  
12 still or video images;  
13                an internet interfacing computer readable program code portion configured  
14 to cause said computer to effect the transmittal of said image data, for incorporation of  
15 said image data into a web cam page, to a web site hosting said web cam page; and  
16                ~~an interlude switch in proximity with said digital camera,~~  
17 wherein said interlude switch is configured to be toggled between a view mode  
18 and an interlude mode;  
19 wherein said view mode provides live images from said digital camera; and  
20 wherein said interlude mode provides at least one alternate image from a source  
21 other than a live image captured by said digital camera;  
22                wherein said interlude mode is active in the absence of a phone call by a user;  
23                wherein, upon detecting the initiation of a phone call by a user, said interlude  
24 switch switches to said view mode to provide said live image.

1                   2.       (original) The web cam system of claim 1 wherein said interlude switch  
2 when toggled to said view mode:  
3                   causes said image capturing computer readable program code portion to drive said  
4 digital camera to capture images of a scene; and  
5                   causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to effect  
6 the transmittal of said image data, for incorporation of said image data into said web cam page,  
7 to a web site hosting said web cam page.

1                   3.       (original) The web cam system of claim 1 wherein said interlude switch  
2 when toggled to said interlude mode:  
3                   causes said image capturing computer readable program code portion to stop said  
4 digital camera from capturing images of a scene;  
5                   causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to effect  
6 the replacement of said image data with preselected images; and  
7                   causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to effect  
8 the transmittal of said preselected images, for incorporation of said preselected images into said  
9 web cam page, to a web site hosting said web cam page, as if said preselected images were  
10 captured by said digital camera.

1                   4.       (original) The web cam system of claim 1 wherein said interlude switch  
2 when toggled to said interlude mode:  
3                   causes said image capturing computer readable program code portion to stop said  
4 digital camera from capturing images of a scene; and  
5                   causes said internet interfacing computer readable program code portion to drive  
6 said web site to effect the replacement of said image data with preselected images, as if said  
7 preselected images were captured by said digital camera.

1                   5-9. (canceled)

1                   10.     (currently amended) The web cam system of claim ~~3 or claim 4~~ 1 wherein  
2 said ~~preselected images are~~ alternate image is one of: still images, slide shows, video images,  
3 commercials, or images captured by another web cam system.

1                   11.     (original) The web cam system of claim 10 wherein said preselected  
2 images are stored on said computer.

1                   12.     (original) The web cam system of claim 10 wherein said preselected  
2 images are stored at a remote site.

1                   13.-17. (canceled)

1                   18.     (currently amended) A method of operating a web cam, comprising:  
2 transmitting an interlude image to the Internet;  
3 capturing user images of a ~~scene~~ user using a first digital camera;  
4 generating image data from said images;  
5 ~~providing said image data to a computer;~~  
6 ~~putting an interlude switch into a view mode;~~  
7 ~~transmitting said image data from said computer to a web cam page, wherein said~~  
8 ~~view mode provides live images from said digital camera on said web cam page;~~  
9 ~~updating said web cam page when said interlude switch is in said view mode;~~  
10 detecting the initiation of a telephone call by said user;  
11 toggling said an interlude switch, in response to said detecting, to toggle said web  
12 cam from said ~~view mode into an interlude mode~~ to substitute said user images for said interlude  
13 image;  
14 ~~replacing said images with alternate images when said interlude switch is in said~~  
15 ~~interlude mode, such that a viewer viewing said web cam page would see at least one alternate~~  
16 ~~image in place of captured images from said first digital camera, when said web cam is operating~~  
17 ~~in its interlude mode.~~

1                   19.     (canceled)

1                   20.     (canceled)

1                   21.     (currently amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said at least one  
2 alternate interlude image is a stored still image.

1                    22.    (currently amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said ~~at least one~~  
2 ~~alternate interlude~~ image is a stored video image.

1                    23.    (currently amended) The method of claim 18 wherein said ~~at least one~~  
2 ~~alternate interlude~~ image is an image from a second digital camera.

1                    24.    (canceled)

1                    25.    (canceled)

1                    26.    (currently amended) The web cam system of claim 1 wherein said  
2 interlude switch is computer code configured to cause a change in the source of images.

1                    27.    (previously presented) The web cam system of claim 1 wherein said  
2 source other than a live image captured by said digital camera is a second digital camera.

1                    28.    (canceled)